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REBUTTAL. Your memo to Mr. Arvey dated 21 June 1952, subject as above

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1. It is difficult to understand the snafu arising from [REDACTED] trip. Coordination on this end was carefully worked out with DI/P. [REDACTED] himself, worrying as to whether proper advise of his proposed trip had been sent, discussed the matter with me on 19 and 20 June. He asked if someone in [REDACTED] office had been notified of his arrival. The answer from DI/P was, "Yes, A dispatch had been sent." [REDACTED] next 25X1A9a question was if [REDACTED] knew, in brief terms, the object of his visit. Again the answer from DI/P was, "Yes, the dispatch covered this." Further, I was advised that the DI/O had sent a message to his staff in [REDACTED] on or about 13 Jun and had received a message back 16 June which [REDACTED] rip.

2. Our original memorandum requesting approval for the trip was submitted to DDP on 9 June. They are responsible for coordinating such travel with the theater as well as operational offices here in Washington. Certainly 16 days should have been adequate time for DDP to get proper advice to the field.

3. Perhaps some of our good working relations have been damaged by "this apparently uncoordinated ~~try~~" and that is regrettable. I don't know whether you will be able to smooth it over based on some of the time factors I have outlined above. However, I assure you that from this end, we are certain that our coordination had been adequately in advance and thoroughly checked. We must plead guilty, I am afraid, to neglect in failing to notify you of ~~try~~ in your area.

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